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FILING DATES FOR TOWN AND SCHOOL OFFICES

The Town and School District governing bodies need citizens who are willing to file for and serve in various positions this year. Those who intend to file, or are thinking about it, need to know that **the ten day filing period begins on Wednesday, January 20 and ends on Friday, January 29 at 5 p.m.**

To file for Town Office: Candidates must file with Town Clerk Phyllis Thompson during her regular office hours. These positions are open:

Selectmen	1 for 3 years
Cemetery Trustees	1 for 3 years
Library Trustees	1 for 3 years
Moderator	1 for 2 years
Municipal Budget Committee	2 for 3 years 1 for 1 year
Planning Board	2 for 3 years 1 for 1 year
Supervisors of the Checklist	1 for 6 years
Trustees of the Trust Funds	1 for 3 years

Note: open positions do not imply that the incumbents are leaving; it simply means their terms are up, and they must be re-elected.

To file for School Office: Candidates must file during the same ten day period. Town and School Clerk Phyllis Thompson will accept these filings during her regular office hours. These positions are open:

Brentwood School District

School Board	1 for 3 years
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Cooperative School District

School Board (from Brentwood)	1 for 3 years
From Other Towns	2 for 3 years
1 each from Exeter, and Kensington. All towns may vote for these candidates.	

Moderator	1 for 1 year
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Budget Advisory Committee	3 for 3 years
1 each from Exeter, Newfields and Stratham. All towns may vote for these candidates.	

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETINGS: EVERYONE IS INVITED AND URGED TO ATTEND

Thursday, January 14 7:00 p.m.

Public Hearing for Cooperative School Budget
at the Exeter High School

Thursday, February 4 7:00 p.m.

Cooperative School Deliberative Session
at the Exeter High School

Monday, February 8 7:00 p.m.

Alternate date: Friday, February 12 7:00 p.m.

Public Hearing for Brentwood Town and School
Budgets and proposed bond issue for new Fire Station
at Swasey School

Saturday, March 6 9:00 a.m.

Brentwood School District Meeting at Swasey School

Tuesday, March 9 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Brentwood Town Elections at the Community Center

Saturday, March 13 9:00 a.m.

Town Meeting at Swasey School

TO SUBMIT WARRANT ARTICLES:

An article may be submitted by petition with the signatures of at least 25 registered voters. **The last filing date for Warrant Articles is Tuesday, February 2.**

Candidates' Night

Wednesday, February 17, 7:30 p.m.. Sponsored by the *Newsletter*, this event will be held in the Cross Room, Brentwood Town Offices. Come to meet, hear and talk with the candidates.

TOWN OF BRENTWOOD On the Web: www.brentwoodnh.gov**TOWN CLERK and TAX COLLECTOR:**

Phone: 642-6400 X 14
 Mon., Wed., Thurs. 9:00-4:30
 Tuesday 9:00-8:00
 Friday 8:30-4:00
 Saturday 9:00-12:00

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Phone: 642-6400 X 10 Fax: 642-6310
 Monday–Thursday 8:00-4:30
 Friday 9:00-1:00

MARY E. BARTLETT LIBRARY

Phone: 642-3355 E-mail: bartlettlibrary@comcast.net
 On the Web: www.brentwoodlibrary.org
 Monday 2-7 Thursday 9-5
 Tuesday 9-5 Friday 9-1
 Wednesday 9-5 Saturday 9-1
 Story Hours: Tuesday 10:30 and 2:00 Wednesday 10:30

SWASEY CENTRAL SCHOOL

Phone: 642-3487
 Swasey on the Web: <http://scs.sau16.org>
 SAU 16 on the Web: <http://www.sau16.org>

January Recycling Pick-up Dates

January 5 & 6
 January 19 & 20

Selectmen's Notes

The Selectmen would like to welcome Richard Murphy to the position of Emergency Management Director. He comes to us with a great background for this position as he is a Lieutenant at the Portsmouth Fire Dept. Richard and his family reside in Brentwood. Anyone wishing to get in touch with Richard can email him at rdm1313@comcast.net.

At their December 22, 2009 meeting, the Board of Selectmen voted to again form a Fire Station Building Committee as the previous one has disbanded. Any residents interested in joining or wanting more information should contact the Selectmen's Office at 642-6400 x10 or email selectmen@brentwoodnh.gov.

Brentwood Board of Selectmen

Waste Tonnage Figures

	October	November
Tons, mixed solid waste	108.01	106.72
Tons, recycled goods	24.29(18.4%)	23.17(17.8%)

Notes from the Town Clerk

- Brentwood taxpayers should know that beginning in the week of January 4 it will now be possible to pay your real estate tax online through the town website. Go to www.brentwoodnh.gov and look for the notes on the home page.
- A reminder that residents may register their boats at the Town Clerk's office.
- Filings for Town and School offices will take place at the Town Clerk's office from Wednesday, January 20 through Friday, January 29. The office will be open on January 29 until 5:00 pm.

*Phyllis Thompson,
 Town Clerk and Tax Collector*

Supervisors of the Checklist

The Supervisors of the Checklist will be in session on Tuesday, January 19, 2010, from 7:00-8:00pm at the Brentwood Town Office.

*Mary Clancey for the
 Supervisors of the Checklist*

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Deadline for February Issue: Friday, Jan. 22

Mail or bring your articles to Linda Rousseau, 90 Prescott Road, Brentwood, NH 03833,
 or e-mail to lindarou@rcn.com

The meetings listed on page 1 and repeated in the table below are important! At some meetings monetary decisions which impact taxes are made by the votes of those present. If you do not participate, you are giving up your rights and denying others the benefit of your thoughts.

Taken together, these sessions determine not only what taxes will be, but also set initiatives which will define Brentwood's future character and infrastructure. We say it every year: please be a part of this important process.

Date and Time	Location	Event	What Happens
Thursday, January 14 7:00 p.m.	Exeter High School	Public Hearing for Cooperative School Budget	Information session. Questions are encouraged and welcomed.
Thursday, February 4 7:00 p.m.	Exeter High School	Deliberative Session	Budget for Cooperative District is made final in preparation for the ballot vote on March 9. Changes can be made.
Monday, February 8 7:00 p.m.	Swasey Central School	Public Hearing for Brentwood Town and School Budgets Hearing for fire station bond	Information session. Questions are encouraged and welcomed.
Saturday, March 6 9:00 a.m.	Swasey Central School	School District Meeting	Discuss and vote on Swasey budget. Changes can be made.
Tuesday, March 9 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Brentwood Community Center	Brentwood Town Elections	Voting for various town, Cooperative School District and Swasey School District positions. Vote on Cooperative School District budget. Vote on all zoning changes.
Saturday, March 13 9:00 a.m.	Swasey Central School	Town Meeting	Discuss and vote on the various articles of the town warrant. Changes can be made. Swearing in of new town officials.

Brentwood Fire Department Toy Drive

As 2009 comes to a close, I would like to take a few minutes to thank the citizens and businesses of Brentwood for your gracious giving to make the 9th Annual Brentwood Fire Department Toy Drive a huge success!

Every year, our community comes together to help those families in need, to assure that every child wakes up Christmas morning with a big smile on their face.

We placed over 70 Christmas ornaments with gift requests on the Christmas trees located at the Brentwood Town Office, Swasey Central School and Grace Ministries International. Donation pick up boxes were also placed at the Brentwood Fire Department, Brentwood Town offices, Brentwood Country Store and at Gymnastics at Brentwood Commons. We were able to help a number of families who needed a little extra help this year for the holidays.

This Toy Drive is a huge undertaking and I would not be able to do it without all of your help. Special thanks go out to:

Brentwood Fire Department
Brentwood Firemen's Association
Brentwood Town Offices
Brentwood Seniors
Swasey Central School
Grace Ministries
Saint Michael's Church
Brentwood Country Store
Gymnastics at Brentwood Commons
Friends and family members

I would like to extend my appreciation to the Epping Fire Department and Epping Wal-Mart for allowing the Brentwood Fire Department to participate in "Stuff the Bus" on Thanksgiving weekend. We were able to bring in a number of toys to assist with the Toy Drive.

May the spirit of Christmas and Happy Holidays be with you all!

Donna M. Vadeboncoeur
Captain/EMS Coordinator
Brentwood Fire Department

Old Haigh Road Trail Bridge Has Been Replaced



This past spring, summer and fall, dedicated volunteers worked to replace the trail bridge on Old Haigh Road.

A vision has become reality with the completion of the trail bridge on Old Haigh Road. Trail users can now enjoy many more years of travel over what is actually two connected bridges that span Little River. The two bridges replace the 30 year old bridge that was decaying, dislodged, and hazardous.

Recreational users will find the trail bridge attractive and accommodating to the same uses as the old bridge. The bridge is not safe or wide enough for passenger vehicles.

Planning for the replacement bridge began over two years ago when Debbie Briscoe, trails committee chairperson, appealed for volunteers to work on this project. In reality, Debbie and others had recognized the need for a new bridge well before that. The committee thanks all of those who supported us during the last 5 years by buying our greeting cards and raffle tickets, and offering donations. The money collected went towards the bridge project.

In response to the committee's appeal people came forward to share their expertise in many areas - surveying the site, creating the design, finding financial support, securing equipment and materials. There is a deep heart-felt thank you to those who volunteered many hours of labor, enthusiasm and commitment to the project. The committee can not express this enough.

Special mention goes to Bob Magnusson, Alan Clough, the Town of Brentwood, Magnusson Farm for their donation of rock and dirt, Seacoast Lumber for their affordable lumber and donation, NH Electric Co-op for a donation and grant money, Christina Hardy of NH Martial Arts Academy for a donation of several timbers and the donation from the Wild Bill Memorial Fund offered by Bonnie Gunther.

Please offer your appreciation to these people who helped with keeping the Haigh Road trail open and available for the enjoyment of the people of Brentwood.

Brentwood Trails Committee is a volunteer group which helps to maintain and monitor trails that are part of the trail system. We meet the first Monday of the month at the Town Hall at 7:00 pm. If you are interested in helping to maintain trails or want to adopt a trail please call or e-mail.

Debbie Briscoe

Brentwoodtrails@aol.com 778-3987

Winter Farmers' Markets

Hello, Brentwood area friends,

Just wanted to make sure you'd heard about the Winter Farmers' Markets now being held at Exeter High School! Seacoast Eat Local is hosting a total of 5 farmers' markets in Exeter this winter: **December 12, January 9, February 13, March 13 and April 10.** Additional markets will be held at Wentworth Greenhouses in Rollinsford. Read on for more details about these markets. Visit www.seacoasteatlocal.org for up-to-date information about Winter Farmers' Market locations, dates and vendors. If you'd like to be added to Seacoast Eat Local's email list, please send a message to info@seacoasteatlocal.org.

We hope to see you !

Kate Donald for Seacoast Eat Local
www.seacoasteatlocal.org

Brentwood Republican Town Committee Monthly Meeting

The Brentwood Republican Town Committee meets the second Wednesday of every month at the County Commissioners Meeting Room on the first floor of the Rockingham County Complex, 117 North Road in Brentwood. If you are interested in learning more about the Committee, and participating at the local level of the political process, we invite you to join us. Upcoming events include "Candidate Nights" for town, state and federal offices, providing the citizens of Brentwood the opportunity to meet the candidates in an open forum. For more information, visit our web site, <http://www.brentwoodnhgop.org/> or e-mail info@brentwoodnhgop.org.

Michael Silverwood

Through My Eyes: If I Were a New Recruit

I joined the Brentwood Fire Department six months ago because I had heard they needed some new dedicated members. I spent seven hundred dollars and put myself through a firefighter class. It took three months of classes and training, but now I am a certified firefighter, ready for almost anything. I've done a few calls now and I realize there is still a lot to learn.

As I sat eating dinner one night, the tones sounded through my pager reporting an alarm activation, so I headed for the station. I pulled in the same time as another firefighter. We opened up the fire house and started to put our gear on. I'm getting dressed as the rest of the crew arrives. I must wait to climb into the truck while the other firefighters are trying to squeeze by me with their gear. There isn't enough room and I have to wait for them to pass before I can open the door. Well, we're all in, seatbelted and ready to go. As we're driving down the road with the red lights on and the siren sounding, I notice that we're slowing down; are we there? No. There are some cars in the way. They finally pull over and we speed up again. The other firefighters are putting on their air packs and suggest I do the same. I find it difficult to pull on all these straps as we're bouncing down the road, but I finally get it.

As we pull into the driveway, I hear the fire alarm sounding and there's a crowd of people out front. I bet they'll be happy to see us! I get off the truck with all my new gear on, eager to put my training to good use. As we approach, I hear comments such as, "I'm glad my house isn't on fire," and "What took you so long?" I hope they're kidding, but some seem really angry. Why did I spend all that time and money? I thought I was going to help people and save their houses from ravaging fires. I thought they would be very grateful and thank me for my time and effort to be a firefighter in our town. I'm a little puzzled. I was told that it could take 20 minutes or more for us to get on scene when there weren't any firefighters in the station. I thought everyone knew that. There might even be a time when we don't get a crew and another town will respond. I wonder if I've made a mistake. Maybe this isn't all it's cracked up to be. Walking away from my dinner, getting out of bed in the middle of the night, being late for work, and for what?

Nothing is found wrong in the building, so we reset the alarm and get back on the truck. As I climb onto the truck, an older gentleman approaches me. He shakes my hand and says, "Thanks."

I think, just maybe, it is worth it.

Written by Chief Kevin Lemoine

The fire department is in need of new active people for EMS and fire duties. For any information, call the station at 642-8132 or stop in Monday through Friday.

Old Fashioned Christmas at the Historical Society



Members and visitors singing an old favorite.

The main room of the Historical Society Museum has been the scene of many activities in its 145 years, from general store to town library to general meeting place to Grange activities hall. Last month it glowed with soft lamp light and offered memories of an old fashioned Christmas. A Christmas tree shone with the old rounded bulbs, a 1910 child's wagon next to it holding a few presents. A crèche scene was gently lighted on one wall, and a traditional goose feather tree held small candle clips with candles across the way. Visitors could see an old model train loaned for the occasion, and a large collection of Santa Clauses in charming and humorous poses. The walls were festooned with greens and there were candle lights in the front windows.

There were luscious Christmas pastries and sweets to eat, along with hot wassail and eggnog that will long be remembered. Everyone then sat down for some story-telling by Norma Dodge and Gene Orcutt, and singing led by Linda Rousseau.

The Historical Society even received some Christmas presents! There was a lovely album of photos of the recent Fourth of July Open House, created and donated by Jasmine Katatikarn, daughter-in-law of Mary Myers and Michael Hureau. President Alma Vahey also unwrapped a new scanner/printer and an anti-virus program for the computer, given by David and Maureen Menter.

This memorable evening was made possible through the kind loans of items by Joe Gancarz, Sandy Elliott, Theresa Sherry, Karl van Kampen, Alma Vahey, Maureen and David Menter, and Linda and Roger Rousseau, and of course by all the members of the Historical Society who provided the marvelous refreshments.

For information about the Society call Alma Vahey, president, 679-8635.

*Linda Rousseau
for the Historical Society*

Brentwood Gardeners



Members of the Brentwood Gardeners at their recent Christmas pot-luck dinner.

The Brentwood Gardeners gathered on December 13 for their annual Christmas pot-luck dinner at the home of Emily and Victor Schmalzer on Middle Road. It was a real treat to be in the beautiful old house that snowy evening, with its large original fireplace and early architecture. Everyone appreciated the warm and comfortable hospitality of the Schmalzers.

Thomas Berger of Kittery will be the guest speaker at the next meeting of the Gardeners, **Wednesday, January 27, 7:00 pm** at the Community Center. A stone carver and stone wall builder, he will speak on "Stone Art in the Garden." But first we will all enjoy our annual Chili Night together. We'll need several volunteer pots/crocks of chili, as well as the usual embellishments, so do set aside that night and bring your appetites for a very special evening. New members are always welcome! For more information call Diantha Wade, president, at 772-5217.

Linda Rousseau for the Gardeners

Swasey Parent Faculty Group

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 19 at 6:30 p.m. in the Swasey School Library. Come and join us!

Would you like a second Swasey Phone Book? Maybe you need one for your car or your desk at work! Get a second phone book for \$2 in the Main Office.

Clip those Boxtops! Check out our website for lots of fun new ways to collect box tops! Visit our website for more information:
<http://swaseypfg.pbworks.com/>

Pam Carr

Mary E. Bartlett Memorial Library

When was the last time your youngster told you that there is not one book that is worth reading? I have to tell you that our hair literally stands on end when we hear that sentiment voiced in our presence. The solution to stop the potential non-reader in his tracks is to go to our website, www.brentwoodlibrary.org and check out the section about New Hampshire book awards. All of the books nominated for this year's awards are right here in your library. They are each and every one of them, for each and every age group, worth reading.

The **Friday Night Flicks** are *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs*, rated PG, the scheduled movie for **January 8** and *G-Force*, starring some Guinea Pigs who sound like Kelli Garner, Nicholas Cage and Penelope Cruz. Rated PG, it will be shown on **January 29**.

The **Ladies Night Movie** choice for the month, to be shown on Thursday night, **January 14**, is *Pay it Forward*, an inspiring story starring Helen Hunt, Kevin Spacey and Haley Joel Osment, rated PG-13. Looking ahead to February, we will be showing the film version of Jodi Picoult's best-seller, *My Sister's Keeper*, starring Cameron Diaz, Alec Baldwin and Abigail Breslin and rated PG, on Thursday, **February 4**.

J.E. Seymour, local resident and author along with fellow authors Nancy Gardner, Norma Burrows, Joseph Souza, Frank Cook and Nancy Brewka Clark as well as Kate Flora, a representative of the publishing company, Level Best Books, will be here to discuss **the craft and art of writing short fiction** in addition to reading from their own works. It will be on **Thursday, January 21** at 7:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity for aspiring writers to join in a discussion about not only creative fiction writing but the **ins and outs of getting published**.

We will be having a special Brown Bag Luncheon and Seminar concerning the **Rockingham County Adult Day Care program** on Wednesday, **January 27 at 12:30 p.m.** There will be a fifteen minute PowerPoint program with a question and answer session to follow. For those of you with loved ones who might benefit from this program, this is a perfect opportunity to have all of your questions answered.

Are you aware that you can save money right here at your local library? We have the latest DVDs at absolutely no cost to you. Do you check the bestselling booklist? Right here and if they are not immediately available, we will put you on a waiting list. Do you want a night out? We have programs right here ... short drive, no cost. Check us out.

Marilyn Morehead, Library Director

Brentwood Recreation

Adult Volleyball



Our Adult pick-up volleyball program is on **Monday evenings at 7:30 pm** through March 29.* We will be playing at the Swasey School gym. Participation is FREE.

*There will be no Volleyball on the days the school is not open.

Yoga Classes

Tuesday evenings, 6:30 to 7:45 pm, Brentwood Community Center. All-levels yoga classes, taught by Yoga Alliance Certified Instructor, Wilhelmina Bradley, RYT. **\$8.00 per class**, collected at the door before each class.

These will be yoga classes for anyone who has already experienced yoga, as well as for someone who would like to try yoga for the first time. Dress in comfortable clothing for this hour-and-fifteen minute class to enjoy the benefits of yoga for strength, flexibility, and for stress-reduction in your life.

Come join us!

Tang Soo Do Classes

Tang Soo Do is a Korean Martial Art that emphasizes whole body self defense and physical training. It is a true Martial Art comprising both hard and soft techniques. Training in Tang Soo Do is beneficial for self discipline, self defense and health.

Classes are taught by Retired Law Enforcement office Bob Meegan. He is currently a 3rd degree Black Belt with the World Tang Soo Do Association.

Classes are available **Monday and Friday** at the Brentwood Community Center, **6:30-8:00pm** beginning January 4. Enrollment is continual, so you may begin at any point. **Cost: \$50/single per month**

\$90/family per month (2 or more)

For more information contact instructor Bob Meegan at 742-3565 or contact the Recreation office.

Baseball/Softball Sign-Ups



Even though winter is still very much with us, we're looking ahead to Spring already!

Baseball and Softball registration will **begin on January 15**. The **deadline for sign-ups** will be **February 22**. Forms will be available at the Recreation office or on our website. For more details on age and playing level breakdowns, please see our website after January 15.

Late registrations will be accepted only as roster space allows.

Youth Basketball

See our website for schedules.

Discounted Manchester Monarch Hockey Tickets



We have discounted Manchester Monarch Hockey tickets available for the **Sunday, March 7** game at the Verizon Wireless Arena.

All tickets are \$11 (regularly \$16/adult and \$12/child). You can pick up tickets at the Recreation Office.

Cribbage Group

The Cribbage Group has a new night!

Beginning January 6, our group will now meet on **Wednesday** evenings at 7 pm. We meet at the Brentwood Community Center on Route 125 for a fun, casual evening of cribbage playing. If you would like to join us or just want more information, please contact: Ursula Mackey at ucbm@comcast.net or 603-642-9178. A \$1 donation is appreciated. **All are welcome!**

Men's Basketball



Our Men's 30+ Pick-up Basketball program continues on Thursday evenings 7:30-9:00 pm at the Phillips Exeter Academy gym in Exeter. **Cost is \$10/evening**. Call for more information.

Get Those Skates Out!

We will be having an ice skating rink at the BRC this winter. Weather permitting, it will be ready in January for families to use and enjoy. Maintaining it will be a community effort, so please bring a shovel if it has snowed and help us keep it cleared for use.



Facilities Rental

Remember there are still weekday and weekend dates available at the Community Center. Consider having your meeting, birthday party, shower, or other events at our facility. Brentwood residents receive a 50% discount off the rental rates! See our website for pictures of the Center and rental application or pick up an application at the Recreation office.

Check out the Recreation pages on the town website, www.brentwoodnh.gov. Forms are there to be downloaded for your convenience, as well as other important information about current programs and events.

Margaret Dullea, Recreation Director

(603) 642-6400 ext. 20 recreation@brentwoodnh.gov
Office hours: Mon. Tues. & Thurs. 8:30am-3:30 pm.
Commission meetings 4th Tuesday night of the month at 6:30 pm.

Report from Your State Representative

January 6 will mark the beginning of the second half of the 2009-2010 biennium of the NH legislature. During the interim since the 2009 session ended in late June, a lot of work has been done by House and Senate committees on bills that were retained for further study, adjusting, or rejection. The House will first consider some 70 bills on the consent calendar. These, whether recommended for passage, rejection ("inexpedient to legislate" or ITL), or additional study, were voted out unanimously, or close to it, by their sponsoring committees and will be grouped together and almost certainly given a favorable vote. Any member can have a bill taken off the consent calendar, and thereby subject to debate, but usually no more than a few are removed.

Here's a sampling of these bills, along with the recommended action:

- Allow injured parties in automobile accidents to file separate claims with the health insurance and auto insurance carriers (ITL – current law permits the injured to choose how their medical bills should be paid, and in any event "double dipping" should not be permitted).
- Provide for a pharmaceutical drug disposal program (refer for interim study – accidental ingestion by small children or misuse [especially by teenagers], and also adverse environmental consequences of improperly discarded medicines is a growing problem which needs continued work and coordination by health, environmental, and justice authorities).
- Repeal the requirement that names on the presidential primary ballot be listed alphabetically (ITL – don't do anything that could jeopardize NH's first-in-the-nation primary).
- Establish a solid waste management fund by assessing a beverage container fee (ITL – the fund's not a bad idea, but a beverage container fee remains highly unpopular).
- Increase the gasoline tax (ITL – under study by a commission).
- Prohibit text messaging while driving (ITL – already prohibited by a recently enacted law).

Once the consent calendar bills are taken care of, the House will take up another 59 bills held over from the 2009 session which committees decided did not belong on the consent calendar. Many of these bills drew opposition within committees and will be debated on the floor of the House. Included among them are bills that:

- Prohibit banks from requiring blood samples, fingerprinting, or DNA samples to complete a banking transaction (ought to pass [OTP] – this would seem to be a no-brainer, but seven of the Commerce committee's 17 members voted for passage).
- Require certain engine coolants and antifreeze to contain a substance (a "bittering agent") to make them unpalatable (OTP – hundreds of animals and birds die from licking antifreeze from the ground each year and

children are injured or die from tasting the sweet lure of antifreeze).

- Mandate that state-regulated insurance policies (most of the policies sold in NH) cover hearing aids to the amount of \$1,500 per three years (OTP – the Commerce Committee vote was 9-7, with the minority opposed on the grounds that it would increase premiums and thereby adversely affect business firms).
- Require insurance companies to cover rehabilitative as well as medical treatment for autism (OTP – the majority of the Commerce committee held that treatments included in a written plan ordered by a doctor should be covered and would, in the long run, reduce the need for state aid to autistic persons who are properly treated early on; the minority stated that the bill would increase premiums and hurt small businesses).
- Require DNA testing of all persons convicted of a felony (OTP).
- Raise the dollar value at which various crimes of theft become a felony rather than a misdemeanor (OTP.)
- Do not levy any new requirements on home schooling (OTP – the Education Committee could not reach agreement on what if any changes should be made to current law).
- Allow certain persons suffering from terminal illnesses to end their lives if they so choose (ITL – this of course is a political hot potato; some Judiciary Committee members adamantly opposed any such measure, others supported the concept of personal liberty but believed the bill was flawed).

Beginning the day after the opening session, House and Senate committees will hold hearings on the 819 new pieces of legislation that have been introduced for the 2010 session. In subsequent days, after having heard testimony, each committee will hold executive sessions at which members will discuss among themselves the pros and cons of the bills and vote on them. Whether passed or defeated, the bill will go to the House or Senate respectively for a vote by the full membership. If either chamber kills a bill, that's it; it does not go to the other chamber. If passed, bills are sent to the other chamber for a vote, where, again, they die if not passed. Those that are passed will be sent to the governor for his signature.

Concern in some quarters has been expressed about a measure in House Bill 2 of 2009, the omnibus state revenue and expenditure legislation. The measure provides that those persons who receive dividends from limited liability companies (LLCs) will, like recipients of corporations' dividends, pay taxes on them. This closed a tax loophole that gave LLCs an advantage over corporations. Forecasts of gloom and doom to LLCs seem overblown and inaccurate, according to an analysis by the chairman of the NH Business and Industries Association. He states that (a) the tax will apply to distributions made by LLCs to their owners to the same degree that dividends which corporations pay to their

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shareholders are taxed as dividends; (b) payments made to owner-employees of LLCs as compensation will not be taxed; (c) the majority of NH LLCs are small businesses that do not make distributions in the nature of taxable dividends. A prominent Certified Public Accountant has declared, "It is very rare for any of my LLC clients to have distributions." So it would seem that the hullabaloo that arose about the tax was much ado about nothing, or at least next to nothing.

As Elyse G. Seeley reported in the December *Newsletter*, Brentwood homeowners' year-end property taxes went down, thanks to the efforts of the Brentwood Budget Committee, the Swasey School Board, the Exeter Regional Coop Advisory Committee and the Exeter Regional Cooperative Board.

This was good news, but it most likely cannot be replicated next time around. The fiscal pressures on the Town and the schools attended by Brentwood children will almost certainly require increased revenues. And unfortunate but true, property tax relief will not come from the NH legislature. When I first ran for state representative in 2007, I said one of my aims would be to work to reduce property taxes. Laudable but, I now know, not doable in our state under existing public opinion and political realities. Revenue needs are not going to go away, wholesale elimination of state functions won't happen, and a long-term move away from dependence on property taxes necessarily would require imposition of some form of an income tax or sales tax. And that, as we all know, whether desirable or not, will not make it though the legislature or, if it did, escape a veto by the governor.

Hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year's Day and will have a happy, healthful and prosperous 2010.

Don Petterson

Phone: 772-4519 e-mail: donpetterson@gmail.com
Blog: <http://statereport.blogspot.com>

Deployment

Capt. Warren A. Graham, Jr., USMC, son of Skip and Beth Graham of Lake Road, a 24-year Marine veteran, was deployed to Afghanistan on December 2nd for a one-year stay. Skip Jr., along with his wife Trish and two daughters, Nicole and Danielle, live in Falworth, California. He is stationed at Camp Pendleton. Capt. Graham is responsible for keeping various aircraft in the air – Harriers, helos, etc. Skip was also involved in the initial invasion in Iraq.

Let us continue to keep in mind and support all members of the armed forces who are serving their country abroad. Our love, prayers and support go especially with Skip and his fellow Marines.

Skip & Beth Graham

Adult Medical Day Services: A Solution for a Growing Need

Many families overlook the adult medical day program as a practical option for senior care.

Many caregivers who work outside the home are unable to stay home to care for loved ones. In addition, caregivers who do not work outside the home may wish a break from caregiving to run errands, socialize, or simply to rest. When you look at the concept of adult medical day programs, one would think that obviously, it is a much needed service. After all, how many people are struggling to care for aging parents, spouses, grandparents and siblings?

The truth is that many people have never heard of adult day health care. Yet there is a convenient and reasonably priced opportunity for families to keep loved ones at home with them. It is the adult medical day program. ***The cost of an adult medical day program is less than a nursing home and private home care. Many long-term care insurance programs will cover the cost of adult medical day programs.***

The Rockingham County Adult Medical Day Program in Brentwood provides daily structured programs in an attractive and protective setting for individuals with chronic illnesses, physical disability, dementia and other problems that increase their care needs. One difference between traditional adult respite, both group and in-home care, and adult day programs is that adult day centers not only provide respite to family caregivers, but also therapeutic care for cognitively and physically impaired older adults. The adult day program allows caregivers to continue working outside the home, receive help with the physical care of a loved one, avoid the need of placing a loved one in institutional care, and have a break from what can be a "24/7" responsibility.

A typical day at the Rockingham County Adult Medical Day program includes a varied schedule of small group and individual activities intended to support mental alertness, promote physical activity and encourage social engagement. The social and recreation activities include music, arts and crafts, exercise and walking programs, board games, discussion groups, spiritual services, field trips and seasonal celebrations. Support services such as nursing care, health education, assistance with activities of daily living, occupational, speech and physical therapies are customized to each participant's needs.

Adult day services are a welcome respite opportunity for caregivers who work or who need stretches of time away from their loved one to complete tasks, socialize or just relax and renew. Individuals interested in information about adult day services may call the Rockingham County Adult Medical Day Center, which is located at the county complex in Brentwood at (603) 679-5335 ext. 9156.

Kristy Hammami, Social Worker



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" AFTER CHRISTMAS " TREE
LIMO SERVICE**

Sponsored by Brentwood's Board of Selectmen
All proceeds go to Brentwood's non-profit Tree Limo Grant
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2007 Grantee: Brentwood Night Riders 4-H Club
2008 Grantee: Brentwood Recreation Community Playground

Saturday, January 9, 2010

**Brentwood's Christmas Tree Limo Service is
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What do you need to do?

- **Phone #778-9411 or e-mail your tree's reservation to treelimo@comcast.net before Friday, January 8th and provide your name, phone number and street address.**
- **Place your unadorned Christmas tree at the end of your driveway so it is accessible for our drivers. Please remove all tinsel, as trees will be mulched.**
- **On the morning of January 9th, attach a donation of \$10.00 (or more!) to the treetop in a weather-proof bag. Checks can be made payable to the Brentwood Tree Limo Fund.**



***Save your backs!* Save your vehicle's
paint!* Let us get sappy!!***

A Team Fighting Hunger

Alicia Rossman, a 22-year-old graduate from the University of New Hampshire with a Nutritional Sciences degree, resides in Brentwood and Kelsey MacDonald, a sophomore at Exeter High School, resides in Exeter. The two local women have teamed up to fight hunger.

Alicia and Kelsey have been working together to make a difference in their New Hampshire community by hosting Great American Bake Sales around the Seacoast and donating the money to Share Our Strength (SOS) and the New Hampshire Food Bank.

They have hosted bake sales at the Exeter Summer Concert Series on Swasey Parkway, at Timberland, and even the Stratham Fair. In the past four years, the ladies have raised close to \$6,000 for both organizations.

Recently the New Hampshire Food Bank received a challenge. The Trustees of the Madelaine G. Von Weber Trust said if the Food Bank could raise \$100,000 in 10 days they would match it. Rossman and MacDonald contributed by delivering a check for \$300 from their bake sales. The Food Bank did make their goal.

The two want to thank everyone who made their bake sales possible: the team of over twenty bakers who "baked a difference" -- it was a community effort. Also, the team of five local businesses: Sweet Dreams Bakery, Saint Anthony's Bakery, Shaw's Supermarket of Stratham, Sam's Club of Seabrook, and Martin Family Enterprises of Exeter.

The NH Food Bank is always in need. There is only one Food Bank in the state of New Hampshire. A food bank is a charitable organization that solicits, receives, inventories, stores, and distributes donated food and grocery products to charitable agencies that directly serve needy clients. — church food pantries, soup kitchens, emergency food programs and qualifying nonprofit organizations. The Food Bank services 148 Food Pantries and 20 Soup Kitchens in New Hampshire.

To learn more, visit its web site at
www.nhfoodbank.org or Alicia's blog site,
<http://www.aliciarossman.blogspot.com/>

*Thank you to **Alicia Rossman**
who supplied this information. -- Editor*

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Tracy Hines

My name is Tracy Hines. I would like to reintroduce myself to the Brentwood community. I have been in the beauty industry for over 20 years. For the last 13 years I have been styling hair and make-up at my studio inside Face Works Plus. I specialize in color and cutting. I use Redken color. The color line offers many options that help me customize each client's hair color. It's a great color line for hard-to-cover gray. Every appointment begins with a consultation. It doesn't matter if I've done your hair once or a hundred times. I like to know how my clients take care of their hair and how they want their hair to look. I ask many questions before I even put scissors or color to your hair.

I believe it is important to stay up to date in this industry. I do this by attending classes, shows, reading industry magazines, and on-line classes. This helps me stay on top of the latest trends and styles. I have a passion for this industry. I grew up in a salon and spent many hours watching my mother coiffing hair into perfect heads of style. I still carry those experiences with me today.

I'm also available for Weddings, Proms and special events. I can provide formal up-dos and make-up for these events. Another service is Hair and Make-up for Senior pictures, head shots for models', actors' and actresses' photo shoots.

You can find me on the web at www.tracyhinesstudio.com. Follow me on Face Book (Tracy Hines Studio) and Twitter (Tracy Hines Style) for the latest in fashion, hair and make-up. I post tips, web sites, events, and specials for the salon. You can email me at Hinesstudio@comcast.net or call 603-642-3377 / 603-608-

7328. Hours available by appointment, Tuesday & Thursday 9 am-2 pm / 5 pm-9 pm.

NEW CLIENTS -- receive \$5 off a wash, cut, and blow-dry and/or color. All hair care products upstairs 20% off: Redken, TIGI, Paul Mitchell. Offer expires February 28, 2010. Offer not to be combined with other offers.

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Brentwood Seniors

The Seniors enjoyed an excellent Christmas pot-luck luncheon at the Community Center on December 16. Each member brought a gift for a child, all of which were donated to the Fire Department's Toy Drive.

Following the luncheon the members were once again entertained by a superb holiday musical presentation by the four second grade classes of Swasey School. Much appreciation was extended to Juliette Gavin, music teacher, and all the class teachers and parents who contributed to the quality and smoothness of the program.

The next meeting will take place Wednesday, January 27 at the Community Center. Luncheon will be pot-luck casseroles, and members will be called to confirm what they are bringing. Members are urged to arrive between 11:00 and 11:30 am to help with set-up and enjoy appetizers. The business meeting will begin at 11:30, President Gene Orcutt presiding. Lunch will be served afterward, followed by a lively Pound Party auction. Bring a "mystery gift" wrapped or hidden in a bag and be prepared to have some fun!

For more information about the Seniors, call Gene Orcutt, president, at 642-4597.

The December Mailing Crew

Many thanks on behalf of the town to those in the Amanda's Way neighborhood who assembled the December *Newsletter* for mailing.

Linda Rousseau, Editor

Achievements

David W. Xiao has been granted early acceptance at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, in the class of 2014. A senior at Phillips Exeter Academy, he lives on Fellows Drive with his mother Bo Xu, sister Sarah, and father Xiangming Xiao.

Samantha Kligerman, a senior at Salem State College, made the Dean's List for Fall 2009. Her parents are Lynne Bohley of Brentwood and Greg Kligerman of Amesbury.

Excerpts from the "Superintendent's Reports" of November and December 2009, by SAU 16 Superintendent Michael A. Morgan.

Tax Rates—2009

Local tax rates for the six towns within SAU 16 were set recently. The 2009 rates (per \$1,000 of assessed property valuation) are as follows:

Brentwood--\$20.53 (Decrease of \$.60)

East Kingston--\$23.11 (Increase of \$.23)

Exeter--\$22.62 (Increase of \$.21)

Kensington--\$18.87 (Increase of \$1.27)

Newfields--\$21.20 (No change)

Stratham--\$18.06 (Decrease of \$1.34)

Conservation Efforts

Each of the seven independent school districts in SAU 16 has stressed the need to conserve natural resources and recycle waste as much as possible. Students and staff have collaborated on several initiatives that would help the environment and reduce the costs associated with operating a large public school system.

Using July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008 as a base year, the July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009 year realized a decrease in the number of kilowatt hours used in each school district:

Brentwood—Decrease of 17.27%

East Kingston—Decrease of 3.74%

Exeter—Decrease of 0.03%

Kensington—Decrease of 5.53%

Newfields—Decrease of 7.00%

Stratham—Decrease of 5.68%

Monitoring of the current year continues and results will be reported in August 2010.

Strategic Planning Process

The seven different Focus Area subcommittees continue their work with the goal of drafting some recommendations for the Steering Committee to review in the April 2010. Parents, community members, students, staff, and administrators are collaborating in this important process that is designed to solicit input and recommendations from the residents of the six communities within SAU 16.

Those subcommittees welcome comments or feedback from the public and may be contacted through the SAU office. Information is also available on the SAU website (www.sau16.org). More than sixty different people are engaged in this important work. Focus Area subcommittees include: Curriculum and Assessment,

Special Education, Communications, Community Involvement, Lifestyles, School Philosophy and Design, and Governance.

New Sign

Exeter High School will soon have a new sign on Route 27 at the school's main entrance. It will allow for a more clearly visible marker for the school. The large granite sign at the front of the old high school on Linden Street that was donated by the EHS Classes of 1999 and 2000 will be relocated to the new high school.

Contract Negotiations

There are now eleven formal collective bargaining associations within SAU 16, six of them are in various stages of negotiations with their respective school boards. Three of the groups have reached tentative settlements and are dependent upon voter approval in March in order to become effective. These involve the teachers associations in the East Kingston, Kensington, and Newfields districts.

The Exeter Region Cooperative teachers association and the paraprofessional association in Exeter have reached impasse and negotiations are continuing informally. The Coop administrators remain in the process of negotiations with the members of that Board.

Tuesday, January 12, 2010 is the formal deadline for negotiations to be completed because each of these agreements must be presented to their respective voters in terms of independent Warrant Articles and all Warrants must be finalized by the January 12 date.

Historical Note

Raising Mink in Brentwood

Ernest LeBreux, in West Peabody, Mass., started trapping during the Depression to make a few dollars. When he caught a pair of wild mink, it occurred to him that breeding and raising mink might be a profitable venture. He started in 1935, going at it part time, until its growth allowed him to pursue it full time in the 1940s.

In 1956 Ernie and Dot LeBreux moved to Brentwood with their children and soon had 10,000-11,000 mink in nearly a mile of pens. Their farm was the former Lovell Smith place on Prescott Rd., now the site of Advanced Custom Cabinets. [3 Prescott Road] Two and a half tons of food were required to feed them daily, composed of fish, meat by-products and grain. They employed five full time and a number of part time people and were the second largest mink farm in New Hampshire. The pelts would be dried and shipped to the auctions in New York. By 1969 profits had dropped and the LeBreuxs decided to close the business.

From the 250th Anniversary Program and Souvenir Booklet, page 18.

Brentwood Country Store

Lisa Dow, Proprietor

405 Middle Road, Brentwood

Phone **642-8101**

Hello all! Brentwood Country Store here, to remind you all that we are here with our delicious Boar's Head meats and cheeses for those on-the-run lunches, or homemade pizzas if you are looking for something hot! Whether it's by the slice or a whole pie – you'll enjoy it all!

Not in the mood for pizzas? Well, not to toot our own horn, but we also serve some of the best homemade Shepherd's Pie or American Chop Suey!

Maybe you're in need of mustard, soup, gum, coffee or a doughnut? It's here at Brentwood Country Store. Come see our friendly staff for any catering events you might have. They'll serve you up with fresh Boar's Head meats and cheeses, fresh baked sub rolls and great tasting veggies of all kinds! And now that winter is here, to help fight off that cold winter chill try a big bowl of our homemade soup or chili. Stop by for the weekly specials. Open seven days. See ya there!

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Two Large Cheese Pizzas for \$15.95
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Historical Note

Inns in Brentwood

Inns played an important part in the social life of our ancestors. There men met their friends between the morning and afternoon church services. Town meetings adjourned there and passing travelers paused for refreshment. For these reasons inns were kept under close supervision by colonial legislatures. Licenses were granted only to persons of good repute, who had "convenient houses and at least two beds to entertain strangers and travelers..." Other restrictions followed: "no apprentice, servant or negro could drink without his master's permission; no customer should be allowed to drink after 10 P.M. and there were careful rules in regard to drinking on the Lord's Day."

In Brentwood, family records indicate that several houses were licensed as inns and/or stage stops. At the Rhodes/Greenleaf house [198 Middle Rd.] horses were changed on the route from Concord to Portsmouth. There were five fireplaces in this house, one of which measuring 7'4" by 4'3" is in the dining room. Most of the rooms are paneled. This is undoubtedly the inn licensed

in 1765 to James Robinson Jr. who "lived near the meeting house."

The Brentwood town record for March 18, 1771 states that it was "voted: that the meeting be adjourned to the home of Lieut. James Robinson, Innholder, in the evening..." [Readers will remember that town meetings were held in the Congregational Church meeting house at that time.]

At Marshall's Corner [Middle Road and Pine Road] the Roger Bacon House [55 Middle Road] was both an inn and a way station. Its dining room fireplace measures ten feet across.

The New Hampshire Historical Society has a list of men licensed as inn keepers in this town in the 1700s. 1758 – Edward Sargent at Crawley's Falls and Samuel Dudley who lived on the great road from Exeter to the Brentwood meeting house. 1768 – to Jacob Currier at "Cralley Falls and a tavern was needed there because of mills and iron works." 1765 – William Morrill, without doubt the present Fralic house, 125 Crawley Falls Rd.

From *Brentwood's 225 Years*, pp. 66-67, and from *Notes and References to Brentwood's 225 Years*, p. 12.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Jan. 8 **Friday Night Flick** – 7:00 pm, Bartlett Library. (See p. 6.)
- Jan. 9 **“After Christmas Tree Limo”** pickup.
Winter Farmers’ Market – 10:00am – 2:00 pm, Exeter High School
- Jan. 11 Brentwood School Board – 6:15 pm, Swasey School
- Jan. 12 Selectmen’s meeting – 7:00 pm, Cross Room Town Office Building
- Jan. 13 Conservation Commission – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
- Jan. 14 **Public Hearing, Cooperative District Budget – 7:00 pm, Exeter High School, off Rte.27**
Ladies Auxiliary – 7:00 pm, Fire Hall
Ladies Night at the Movies – 7:00 pm, Bartlett Library. (See p. 6.)
- Jan. 18 Library Trustees – 7:00 pm, Bartlett Library
- Jan. 19 Parent Faculty Group – 6:30 pm, Swasey School
Selectmen’s meeting – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
Supervisors of the Checklist in session – 7:00 to 8:00 pm, Town Office Building
- Jan. 20 **Filing period begins for town and school offices**
- Jan. 21 Brentwood Planning Board – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
“Writing Short Fiction” – 7:00 pm, Bartlett Library. Panel of six authors and a publishing rep.
- Jan. 26 Recreation Commission – 6:30 pm, Sanborn Room, Town Office Building
Selectmen’s meeting – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
- Jan. 27 Brentwood Seniors – 11:30 am, Community Center. Fund-raising auction, **“Pound Party.”**
Brown Bag Luncheon & Seminar on Adult Day Care Program – 12:30 pm, Bartlett Library.
Brentwood Gardeners – 7:00 pm, Community Center. **“Stone Art in the Garden.”**
- Jan. 29 **Filing period ends, 5:00 pm – Town Clerk’s office**
Friday Night Flick – 7:00 pm, Bartlett Library. (See p. 6)
- Feb. 1 Trails Committee – 7:00 pm, Town Office Building
Firemen’s Association – 7:30 pm, Fire House
- Feb. 2 **Last day to file Warrant Articles, at Selectmen’s Office.**
Selectmen’s meeting – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building.
- Feb. 3 Cemetery Trustees – 7:00 pm, Town Office Building
- Feb. 4 Friends of the Library – 9:30 am, Bartlett Library
Planning Board – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
Ladies Night at the Movies – 7:00 pm, Bartlett Library. (See p. 6)
- Feb. 8 **Coop. School District Deliberative Session – 7:00 pm, Exeter High School**

The public is welcome at all above events

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